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Hitchcock Will Film Spy Novel

No magical secret-agent gimmicky for movie producer Alfred Hitchcock. Real-life cloak-and-dagger business is more to his taste. Yesterday Hitchcock announced that he will film for Universal Pictures "Topaz," Leon Uris' novel about Russian spying into the top levels of French security and Nato. The story is loosely based on the revelations of Philippe Thyraud de Vosjoli, a former chief of French intelligence in the U.S.

Uris, author of "Exodus," "Mila 18" and other best selling books, has nearly completed the screenplay, Hitchcock said yesterday, and filming will begin in September, with Washington, D.C., France, Cuba and Denmark as location sites. No cast has yet been named for the movie. When asked how he expected to get into Cuba, Hitchcock replied: "I shall disguise myself as a thin man."